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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A VIRTUAL NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

On July 21, 2000, Applicants filed a patent application in the above-referenced case with a check for \$1,302.00 to cover the basic filing fee and additional claim fees. The application did not include an executed Small Entity Statement.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.28(a), status as a small entity is waived for any fee by the failure to establish the status prior to paying, at the time of paying, or within two months of the date of payment of, the fee. Applicant's attorney is hereby submitting a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status, which is being filed within the two-month period which entitles applicant to pay reduced fees in accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules.

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